

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification is amended to capitalize trademarks where located.

I. Objection to the Disclosure

The disclosure was objected as allegedly including informalities. In particular, the Patent Office requests that all trademarks be capitalized. Accordingly, Applicants have capitalized trademarks where located.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are thus respectfully requested.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Advisory Action maintains the rejection set forth in the Office Action dated April 26, 2005. In particular, the Patent Office alleges that the term "bonding hand" is not well known to a person having ordinary skill in the art to mean "is bonded to" as asserted by Applicants. Applicants continue to disagree with these assertions.

Applicants continue to submit that one of ordinary skill in the art understands that the term "bonding hand" means "is bonded to," especially in Japan. In fact, several U.S. patents and patent publications include the term "bonding hand," which in context is clearly synonymous with "is bonded to." See, for example, paragraph 42 of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004-0086794 (cited by the Patent Office), the Abstract of U.S. Patent No. 6,750,352, the Abstract of U.S. Patent No. 4,612,321 and column 36, lines 27-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,800,220. For the convenience of the Patent Office, these excerpts are attached.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 3 complies with the written description requirement as one of ordinary skill in the art understands that "bonding hand" is

synonymous with "is bonded to." Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

The Advisory Action continues to reject claims 3 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004-0086794 ("Yamada"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

A. Claim 3

In the Advisory Action, the Patent Office alleges that the term "is bonded to" lacks antecedent basis in the translation. As explained at length above, it is clear to one of ordinary skill in the art that the term "bonding hand" is a common term used in chemistry (especially in Japan) to mean "is bonded to." The term "bonding hand" is used in the original specification. Applicants thus submit that "bonding hand," and the synonymous "is bonded to," is clearly supported by the English-language translation of the priority document.

B. Claim 7

In the Advisory Action, the Patent Office alleges that the phrase "aluminum chelate compound" lacks antecedent basis in the English-language translation of the priority document. Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants direct the Patent Office's attention to paragraph 122 of the English-language translation. Paragraph 122 clearly discloses that the organic aluminum compound may preferably be an aluminum chelate compound. Applicants thus submit that the English-language translation clearly supports the method recited in claim 7.

C. Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the English-language translation of the priority document clearly provides antecedence for claims 3 and 7. As such, Yamada is

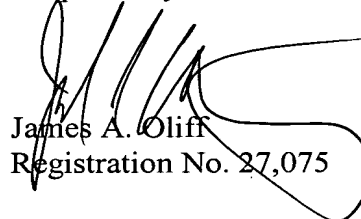
not prior art with regards to claims 3 and 7. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are thus respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-3 and 5-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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